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From: Gillian Brockett <gillian.brockett@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 9:24 AM
To: District Applications
Subject: Re: FW: Application for independent citizens resist. comm.
Attachments: Gillian_Brockett_application.pdf

*PT - See original
Submission date*

Thank you for the email. Here is the application again. Hopefully this attachment will open. Please let me know if you have any more trouble with it.

Thanks,

Gillian Brockett

On Mon, Feb 25, 2013 at 9:15 AM, District Applications <district.applications@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

This message is to inform you that the application link you submitted could not be opened. For your convenience, we have attached a blank copy of the application form as well as the link you originally submitted. Below are suggestions for successfully resubmitting your application.

1. Save a copy of the application form to your computer or storage device.
2. Fill out the application form.
3. Save the completed application form to your computer or storage device with a different file name.
4. Verify that your information was saved.
5. E-mail a copy of the completed application form file to district.applications@austintexas.gov.

In addition, you may print out the completed application form, sign it, and deliver or mail the form to:

Office of the City Auditor

ATTN: 10-ONE Process

301 West 2nd Street, Suite 2130

Austin, Texas 78701

If you need further technical assistance or have any other questions about the process, feel free to call our office at 974-2805.

Again, thank you for your interest in the 10-ONE Redistricting Process.

Sincerely,

PATRICK A. JOHNSON

OFFICE OF THE CITY AUDITOR

AUSTIN, TEXAS

(512) 974-1333

From: Gillian Brockett [<mailto:gillian.brockett@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 11:02 AM

To: District Applications

Subject: Application for independent citizens resist. comm.

To Whom it May Concern:

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APPLICATION FOR THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

*Application Period:
January 18, 2013
through
February 22, 2013*

Please submit your completed application
by email to district.applications@austintexas.gov
by mail or in person to:
Office of the City Auditor
301 W. 2nd Street Suite 2130
Austin, TX 78701

**FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INTERPRETING KEY TERMS, SEE THE GLOSSARY
AT THE END OF THIS APPLICATION**

**MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS CAN BE FOUND IN
THE CITY AUDITOR'S INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE AND THE CITY CHARTER
AT WWW.AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/10-ONE**

You must submit an electronic application to district.applications@austintexas.gov
or provide a signed application to the Office of the City Auditor in person or by mail at:

301 W. 2nd Street, Suite 2130

Austin, TX 78701

Submission Deadline: February 22, 2013

DUTIES AND TERMS OF SERVICE

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission **duties** include:

1. Conduct duties with integrity and fairness.
2. Conduct an open and transparent process to enable full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines to include an open hearing process.
3. Draw district lines in accordance with specific redistricting criteria in the Charter.
4. Adopt a final redistricting plan and certify the plan to the Austin City Council.
5. Issue a report that explains the basis on which the Commission made its decisions.

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Member **terms of service** include:

1. Members of the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) will not be compensated for serving, but are eligible to receive reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses related to Commission duties. Guidance on what is considered "reasonable and necessary" will be provided by the appropriate authority at a later date.
2. Serve a term of office that expires when the first member of the succeeding Commission is appointed in the year after the next national census is taken.
3. Members of the Commission will be subject to the following restrictions on their future activities:
 - For a period of **10** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **will not** be eligible to be elected to the Austin City Council.
 - For a period of **three** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **may not** hold appointed office for the City of Austin.
 - For a period of **three** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **may not**:
 - Serve as a City employee or as a paid consultant to the City of Austin.
 - Serve as a paid consultant to a member of the City Council in the council member's private capacity; or
 - Receive a non-competitively bid contract with the City of Austin.

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Please complete this section legibly.

Name of Applicant: Brockett Gillian
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

Voter Registration Number (VUID): 1179627178

Residence Address (must be a fixed location in the City of Austin):

1501 Cullen Ave Austin TX 78757
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address (if different from Residence Address)

(Street Address or PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Contact Phone: 5124831580

Contact Email Address: gillian.brockett@gmail.com

Spouse's Name: McCracken Ian C
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

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Please check YES or NO by each requirement. If you answer YES to question one (1), you may skip questions four (4) and five (5).

1. Are you a student enrolled in a community college or university in the City of Austin? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Do you reside in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Are you registered to vote in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Have you been continuously registered to vote in the City of Austin for the five years immediately preceding the date on which you submit this application? ☐ Yes ☒ No
5. Please indicate whether you voted in the following City of Austin general elections (or corresponding runoff if applicable):

City of Austin General Elections	Candidate Response
May 12, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
May 14, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
May 9, 2009	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
May 10, 2008	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
May 13, 2006	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Conflicts of Interest

The information below is required to help the City Auditor identify any conflict of interest you may have.

Within 5 years of the application date, have <i>you or your spouse</i>:	
Been appointed to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been elected to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a candidate for a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of the campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county, or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a registered state or local lobbyist?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 3 years of the application date, have <i>you or your spouse</i> been:	
A paid employee of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
In the last City Election did <i>you or your spouse</i>:	
Contribute or bundle one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in aggregate to candidates for City of Austin elective office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Personal Background Information

- **Ethnicity:** American
- **Race:** White
- **Gender:** ☐ Male ☒ Female
- **Age: (Please check your response)**
☐ 18 to 24 ☒ 25 to 34 ☐ 35 to 44 ☐ 45 to 54 ☐ 55 to 64 ☐ 65+
- **Education level: (Please check any that apply)**
☒ High School Diploma or GED
☐ Some College (major _____)
☐ Associate's Degree (major _____)
☒ Bachelor's Degree (major Hist. Math/Sci, Classics)
☐ Post-Graduate Degree, indicate highest degree attained: (subject _____)

Qualifications

Please describe your relevant analytical skills.

I went to a small liberal arts college, St. John's College, in Annapolis, Maryland. There I studied the "great books" and learned along with my classmates to analyze, discuss and logically reason through the readings. We read philosophy, theology, science, math and history, all in the original texts. The classes at St. John's are discussion based and much of our grades depended on our class participation, with the rest depending on the papers we were required to write. Through this education I flourished, I developed excellent public speaking skills, I had to learn to truly listen to the the points of view being shared by my classmates and quickly, but thoughtfully formulate and then articulate my own opinions.

Upon graduating, I went to work at the US Naval Observatory in Washington, DC. There I worked as a Research Astronomer, in the Earth Orientation Department. While there I was tasked with analyzing data and coming up with solutions to complex problems in order to make GPS work. The data was dry, and just tables upon tables of numbers and it was up to me understand how the slightest variations in certain astronomical information would impact how accurate our everyday GPS devices would work. I had to collaborate with my colleagues and we would work through the more complex issues and come up with solutions.

After my time at the Naval Observatory, I moved on to medical research with a group in Ontario Canada. There I had to logically reason through theories and hypotheses to design new technologies and new studies. I had to visualize and prototype several new medical devices, and then work through the complex issues of making them both effective, and safe to use. I enjoyed the work, and the immediate impact that it had on the world around me.

Since 2010 I have lived in Austin. I have made a severe shift in my career, switching from scientific research to yoga instructing, starting a small business, and being a mother. I enjoy the new challenges that come up in my new lifestyle. I am constantly learning so much about the human body and how to articulate the movements of yoga into something that even a beginner can understand. I have traded in the cerebral challenges of abstract research for the personal challenges of starting and running a small business. I am always amazed at how complex being self-employed can be, but they are nothing in comparison to the challenges of being a parent. The responsibility of teaching another person to interact in society with grace and compassion is humbling, but I relish the challenge.

Please describe your ability to be impartial.

Throughout my formative years, I was very concerned with maintaining a detached impartiality about many issues. I was raised in a church going family and I really took to heart the "judge not lest ye be judged" ethos. When I left for college, I had to work really hard on not being too partial when it came to interactions with classmates, and with the subject matter we were reading in class. This impartiality is vital to the St. John's experience because the classes are meant to be true discussions, not personal attacks or arguments. We were in class to discuss our interpretations of the readings and come to a consensus about the meanings or philosophical implications. The impartiality I developed in college helped me in my research career because when conducting research one has to hypothesize, but not be partial when carrying out the research. If you are not impartial, you invariably skew results to fit your model or hypothesis. Especially when the research is hoping to come up with new ways to improve our daily lives. I soon realized during my studies that impartial is different from dispassionate. I had made the mistake of trying not to get excited about certain ideas, readings, or discussions. This is not a feature of impartiality. To be impartial one has to have passion about the subject, but not let that passion blind them to the other points of views being expressed.

Please describe your appreciation for the City of Austin's diverse demographics and geography.

I love Austin. I had never seen myself living in Texas before moving here nearly three years ago, but boy I am glad I do. I see Austin as my permanent home forever. The diversity here is one of the reasons I love this city so much. The multicultural influences here have made the city a really hip place to live, with amazing food, music and people. I didn't grow up in the most diverse location in Connecticut, but when I moved to Canada, I realized that even Connecticut has some of the benefits of diversity that were lacking in Canada. We lived in a part of Ontario that had a university that drew in thousands of people from different backgrounds, but the permanent population was mostly of German or European decent. This made for a bland, flavorless community. They were eco minded, and well intentioned, but overwhelmingly heterogenous. Time and time again life, research, etc has shown that societies of diverse demographics and geography thrive and grow because of the natural competition that is engendered. People strive to be better, and communities produce creative solutions for social and economical problems. When we live in heterogenous enclaves, people turn into sheep. There are leaders, but instead of spawning innovation, they spawn herd mentality. In some ways this is good, but we can't approach our societal ills with a black and white, conforming to a box mentality. Austin is fortunate to be one of the fastest growing cities in the US. I believe that the diversity of this city has directly contributed to this growth rate. People come here because of the favorable business laws in Texas, but specifically to Austin because of its verdent landscapes, excellent outdoor activities, music, and overall affinity for keeping this place as weird as we can.

Please provide any other information you wish to be considered during the selection of the most qualified applicants for the Commission.

I haven't been in Austin long, and I have never been too politically active. I have always exercised my right to vote, but mostly on a national scale. I am interested in making more of an effort to be a part of my local community and work with people to make the world a better place. I believe this change is set in motion first in the local community and that it can then move into a larger effect on a larger community. I would be honored to be selected, and I hope that this commission can help Austin maintain its identity as well as ensure its success in the future.

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DISCLAIMER

By submitting this application, I understand that I am giving the City Auditor permission to release my information to the public. In particular, I affirmatively consent to the release of the contact email address I have provided.

If I am appointed, my address, contact phone number and contact email address will be included on the City of Austin's website.

I understand my application is public information under the Texas Public Information Act. The information will be kept according to the City Auditor's records retention policies.

I understand that my participation on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is voluntary.

I understand the duties and terms of service for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission as described above.

Under penalty of law, I swear or affirm that the preceding information in this application is in all things true and correct.

Gillian Brockett

Signature of Applicant

If submitting electronically, please type your full name in the signature box.

2/21/13

Date

GLOSSARY

- “Bundle” means to raise money as an intermediary for a council candidate by soliciting contributions on the candidate’s behalf.
- “Campaign committee” in regard to an “officer, employee or paid consultant of a campaign committee” means a candidate or a specific purpose political committee supporting or opposing a candidate.
- “Candidate” for elective office means a person whose name appeared on a ballot, or who was a declared write-in candidate, in a general or primary election. It does not mean a person who merely announced a candidacy or only filed campaign finance filings. This definition attempts to construe the term against ineligibility, avoid ambiguity and disputes of fact, and use the term in the way most commonly understood by a lay person.
- “City” means Austin.
- “City elective office” means the office of mayor and city council member.
- “City employee” means an employee on the City payroll, including a temporary or part-time employee. The term does not include an independent contractor. This definition follows the definition in Section 2-7-2 of the City Code.
- “City office,” with respect to appointment, means a municipal court judgeship (including a substitute judgeship), and membership on a commission, committee, board, task force, or other City body appointed by the mayor or the city council. This definition follows the definition of “city official” in Section 2-7-2 of the City Code, excluding those City officials who are covered separately as City employees.
- “Community college or university in the City of Austin” means a degree-granting post-secondary educational institution, accredited by a recognized accrediting agency under the Education Code, that grants one or more of the following: an associate’s degree, a bachelor’s degree, a master’s degree, or a doctorate, and that regularly conducts classes where the instructor and two or more students are physically present in a physical location within Austin’s city limits.
- “Contribution,” for purposes of calculating aggregate contributions to candidates for City elective office, includes all contributions to candidates for mayor and city council, and contributions to specific purpose political committees supporting or opposing those candidates.
- “County” refers to a county in which the City of Austin has territory.
- “County elective office” means an office that is voted on county-wide or an office that is voted on by the voters of a precinct drawn by a commissioners court.
- “Employee” with respect to a political party or campaign committee means a person who was paid a salary by the political party or campaign committee.
- “Local lobbyist” means a person required to register under Chapter 4-8 of the City Code.
- “Non-competitively bid contract” means a contract which must be awarded as provided in Section 252.043 of the Local Government Code (“lowest responsible bidder” or “best value for the municipality”).

- “Officer” with respect to the “campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county or city office” means:
 - the campaign treasurer of a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office;
 - the campaign treasurer of a specific purpose political committee that supported or opposed a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office; or
 - an officer or director of an incorporated specific purpose political committee, incorporated for liability purposes only under Section 253.092 of the Texas Election Code, that supported or opposed a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office.
- “Officer” with respect to a political party means a precinct chair, a county chair, or a member of a party executive committee under Title 10 of the Texas Election Code.
- “Paid Consultant” with respect to work done for a political party or campaign committee means a person who was paid monetary consideration for providing legal services, accounting services, public relations services, statistical or polling services, or political or campaign-related services or advice.
- “Paid Consultant” with respect to the three year ban on paid consultancy with a council member, means having a “political or professional contract” with a council member as defined in this guidance.
- “Political or professional contract,” in the context of a contract with a council member, means a contract with a council member under which, in return for consideration, a person provided expert advice or personal services related to a council member's duties or to the council member's service as a council member, or provided advice about the conduct of campaign activities or holding office, or provided services to a council member that would be reportable on the council member's required campaign and officeholder filings under Title 15 of the Texas Election Code; Article III, §8 of the Austin City Charter; or Chapter 2-2 of the Austin City Code. This does not include a contract solely for the sale of goods.
- “Political party” means a political party that appeared on the ballot in any of the last three general elections for state and county officers.
- “Professional contract,” in the context of a contract with the City means a non-competitively bid contract other than a contract solely for the sale of goods.
- “State” means Texas.
- “State office” means an office held by a “state officer” as defined in Section 572.002 of the Government Code.
 - In the context of an appointment to a state office, “state office” means: the office of Secretary of State, an office of a state agency subject to appointment for a term of office specified by the Texas Constitution or a statute of this state; an office subject to appointment with the advice and consent of the senate; the position of executive head of a state agency; or a state office subject to election but filled by appointment because of a vacancy or because the office is newly created.
 - In the context of candidacy or election to a state office, “state office” means a seat in the legislature, an executive or judicial office filled in a statewide election; a judgeship of a court of appeals or of a district court; membership on the State Board of Education; or the position of district attorney or criminal district attorney.
- “Student” means a person actively enrolled in a community college or university on the date of the person’s application to the Commission.

